

When many define the phrase “Make a Difference,” what initially arises in their minds is the broad idea of change. However, from my experience, to “Make a Difference” is to support those who are struggling. Throughout my past and current/near future community service projects, as Vice President of Bonham High School Student Council and National Honors Society, I have pursued assistance in entertainment, education, and healing the environment. In the future, I plan to become a 2D Animator, and intend to assist a worldwide community by bringing awareness to the cruelty of abuse and mental health.

Throughout my former community service projects, I have participated in trash cleanups in local areas, such as various parks and cemeteries, to create a cleaner, safer, and overall more enjoyable environment for plant and animal life (humanity included). At the Sam Rayburn House in Bonham, Texas, I was able to teach children the process of knitting yarn just with their fingers, allowing the children to be more familiar with the skill of patterns. I have also participated as an actor in multiple community plays at Bonham High School— such as “Pirates!,” “Hamlet,” “Our Town,” “Radium Girls,” and “The Girl in the Mirror—” to entertain the public. These plays also immersed the public in history, with “Hamlet” being written by history’s most famous playwright, William Shakespeare, and “Radium Girls” being focused on real events of women in factories producing radium clocks during World War I, receiving radium poisoning, leading to their deaths.

Over my Spring Break, the week after I have submitted my “Make a Difference Scholarship Essay,” I plan to commit my time to the Sam Rayburn House to assist them again with skill-building activities geared towards my local community’s children. In the future, I know that I will assist in Bonham High School’s 2024 graduation through planning— in order to develop the night as a festive occasion— as well as passing out awards to receiving participants the night of graduation so that they will be motivated to pursue more accomplishments in the future. I also aspire to participate in any more local opportunities that may arise in the near future so I can help others through community service.

During college, and my future career, I aim to study 2D animation so that I may express many different issues in the world with uncanny flair in order to make said issues “light-catching” so more people will be willing to support solutions. Some issues that I plan to cover in my animations are relationship abuse, animal abuse, insect hatred, and how mental health can affect humanity. Relationship abuse is often overlooked, especially in the adult world, but as someone who has seen relationship abuse first-hand, relationship abuse can physically and mentally scar those partaking in the abuse, targeted in the abuse, and even peers of those in the abusive relationship. The large group of people that relationship abuse can affect is why I wish to physically present the issue, even if the situation is harsh, so that the world population will be informed and willing to help those amongst themselves who are struggling and cannot reach out. With animal abuse being well-known and hated, the issue still persists amongst many who refuse to listen to the harm they cause, so I wish to make likable and eye-catching animations to help persuade animal abusers to realize their wrongs. Many people, also, kill insects, and do not realize their benefits for the environment. In order to make insects more admirable, so that our

environment and insect lives may exist peacefully, I desire to present insects as cute, yet beneficial creatures in my animations. On the topic of mental health, as someone who has anxiety, depression, can become overstimulated easily, and has friends who have other mental issues such as ADHD and OCD, I anticipate crafting the beautiful weirdness these mental disorders can cause, so that people can understand the minds of those with mental disorders and repeal from bullying those who are mentally challenged.

I propose to be considered for the “Make a Difference” Scholarship, for I have been making a difference in my community throughout my entire high school career, and do not plan to halt, for I aspire to make mind-changing animations in the future.